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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION

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1. STRESSING POINTS REFTTEL (A), POLCOUNS MADE DEMARCHE ON IRAQI SSOD RESOLUTION WITH RAIS AHMED KHAN, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL UN AFFAIRS, SUNDAY MORNING 11 JUNE. HE NOTED ALSO THAT WE ARE PLEASED PAKISTAN IS NOT ONE OF THE CO-SPONSORS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT GOP WOULD AGREE WITH THE US THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD EITHER BE KILLED OR DEFERRED.

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2. RAIS SAID HE ASSUMES NOTHING WILL BE DECIDED ON THIS MATTER UNTIL FOREIGN ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI AND ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK RETURN FROM NEW YORK, VIA JIDDA. HE NOTED THAT SHAHI MUST BE BACK WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHINESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN PAKISTAN ON THE 16TH.

3. SPEAKING INFORMALLY, RAIS SAID HE APPRECIATES THE US POSITION;

THE FOREIGN ADVISOR, AND INDEED THE GOP, HAVE LONG RESISTED EFFORTS TO TURN MEETINGS LIKE THE SSOD AWAY FROM THEIR BROAD PURPOSES THROUGH THE USE OF NARROWLY-INSPIRED RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT EXCEPT TO DISTRACT. MORE FORMALLY, HE SAID US VIEWS WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE FOREIGN ADVISOR AND TO THE PAKISTAN UN DELEGATION AND WOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED IN FORMULATING THE GOP DECISION ON THE IRAQI RESOLUTION.

4. POLCOUNS ASKED HOW THE SSOD LOOKS TO MFA AT THIS POINT. RAIS SAID IT IS STILL A BIT EARLY BUT HE THINKS THE PUBLIC SPEECHES, BY AND LARGE, HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD NOT SPOKEN TO THE SSOD, ALTHOUGH NOTING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S GOOD SPEECH.

5. PAKISTAN, HE SAID, RECOGNIZES THAT THE MAIN DISARMAMENT FORUM IN THE WORLD IS BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR ON SUCH MATTERS AS SALT, SINCE THEY DEAL NOT ONLY WITH WEAPONS BUT ALSO WITH CONFIDENCE MEASURES. NONETHELESS, PAKISTAN BELIEVES THE SSOD MIGHT YET MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION BY DRAWING PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLY BY COMING UP WITH ONE OR TWO CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTIONS.

6. QUERIED ON HIS REACTION TO INDIAN PRIMIN DESAI'S SPEECH, HE SAID HE THINKS THE SPEECH ON THE WHOLE A PREDICTABLY USEFUL STATEMENT. DESAI'S DECLARATION THAT INDIA WILL NOT PRODUCE CONFIDENTIAL

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS WELCOME, EXPECIALLY ON THE RECORD IN SSOD. PAKISTAN BELIEVES DESAI IS SINCERE IN THIS AND ACCEPTS HIS WORD. HOWEVER, PAKISTAN CANNOT BE SURE DESAI'S SUCCESSORS WILL FEEL SIMILARLY RESTRAINED, AND THAT IS WHY THE PAKISTANI PROPOSAL FOR A SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE COMMENDS ITSELF AS A BETTER, MORE BINDING CONCEPT. RAIS RECALLED HOW HAPPY THE GOP WAS WITH THE US AFFIRMATIVE VOTE AND THE INDIAN ABSTENTION ON THIS PROPOSAL AT THE LAST UNGA AND HOPES THAT RECENT INDIAN STATEMENTS DO NOT PRESAGE INDIAN BACKSLIDING. "WE UNDERSTAND INDIA'S CONCERN REGARDING CHINA," HE SAID, "BUT CHINA IS AFRAID OF THE USSR, THE SOVIET UNION IS AFRAID OF THE US, PAKISTAN IS AFRAID OF INDIA, THE AFGHANS ARE AFRAID OF PAKISTAN, ETC. SOMEWHERE, THE CHAIN MUST BE BROKEN."
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